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Re: Section 63.71 of Application of AT&T Florida and AT&T Long Distance Service

To Whom It May Concern:

In our AT&T bill was a notice of Service Withdrawal including Collect Calls and Person-to-Person calls as of March 18, 2016. We are very concerned about losing the ability to have these services. My sister, a disabled retiree, lives alone in a semi-rural area of Franklin County, Ohio. She has not had a telephone in-house for about 30 years and we relied upon being able to call her at work and having her call us collect. After she retired, she tried two cellular phone companies but could not get service because her house is in a dead zone. So the only way she can communicate with us is to go a library and use their computer for e-mail, or go to the gas station on the corner and use their phone to call us collect. I am sure she is not the only elder senior living in a rural area that lacks appropriate telephone service. Since her local phone company rewired the whole area, she would have to pay \$1000 to get wiring to her house and then she would have to hire a local contractor to rewire her house, and she cannot afford to do this.

Furthermore, I do not own a smart phone. Sometimes I travel without my husband and to avoid huge hotel phone bills, either he calls me or I call him collect. I feel that the ability to call collect should remain a viable option from a regulated telecommunications utility that is the main provider of home service in the city. I urge you to remember us senior citizens and to deny AT&T's application to withdraw this essential service. Many of us live on small pensions and cannot afford to have cellular service or do not feel we have the technological ability to use the new phones, and many people, like my sister, still live in areas with sparse telephone service.

Sincerely,

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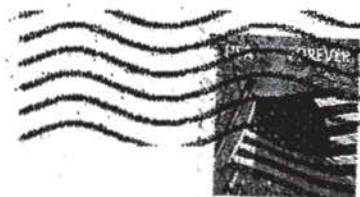
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